

politics aside. Let's come to the table and work together. The American people cannot afford to wait any longer. Let's act now. Pass this bipartisan jobs bill.

TWO SIMPLE TASKS FOR THE DO-NOTHING SENATE

(Mr. HULTGREN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, if our colleagues at the opposite end of this Capitol, the Senate, are serious about getting our economy moving and America back to work, I urge them to do two things immediately. To start with, for the first time in 888 days, they should do what every American family and business does and set a budget; 888 days—almost 30 months—without a budget is not just an abdication of responsibility. It is a fundamental failure to govern.

Second, they should immediately take up a bill we sent with overwhelming bipartisan support, the Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act. We passed it in March; they've done nothing. If we don't act on it by the end of this month, our agriculture sector will be deluged with a new avalanche of needless red tape.

I hope that this do-nothing Senate will move on both of these issues immediately in order to help both the American people and the American economy.

MODERNIZING THE AMERICAN LEGION

(Mr. ALTMIRE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ALTMIRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the brave men and women who have served our Nation and are today members of the American Legion, a congressionally chartered organization. That charter is in need of modernization. So the American Legion, at their national convention, adopted a resolution asking Congress to amend the charter to clarify that the Legion members may pay their annual dues and renewals using modern technology, such as over the Internet by credit card.

For this reason, I have joined my good friend from Florida, Congressman ROONEY, in introducing a bill to support the Legion's recommendation.

Our bill, H.R. 2369, enjoys widespread support, as evidenced by the 350 of our colleagues who have cosponsored this legislation. Hopefully, this bill will soon move through the legislative process in order to modernize the Legion's charter and make this small, but significant, change to make life a little more convenient for members of the American Legion.

1-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF DAVID HARTLEY

(Mr. GARDNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, 1 year ago last Friday marks the tragic day that David Hartley was killed on Falcon Lake, which straddles the U.S./Mexico border. My staff and I have spoken with David's wife, Tiffany, on a number of occasions and pray that she, along with help from Congress, can find the answers we are all seeking regarding David's death.

David's death is a horrible tragedy and underscores the need to restore safety and security to our borders. Our role in Congress is to ensure that Americans are not in danger when they visit the border. That means we need to act. We need to put in place real and effective measures that keep the Mexican drug cartels, pirates, and other unlawful activity away from the United States. The drug trade contributes to the all-too-frequent stories we hear about crime, kidnapping, and murder that occur along our southern border. The time is now to put pressure on the Government of Mexico to bring their own criminals to justice.

My heart goes out to Tiffany, along with the Hartley family, during this time. I will continue to work hard for answers, and I will continue to fight for border security so that atrocities like this simply stop occurring.

IN SUPPORT OF AMERICAN JOBS ACT

(Mrs. CAPPS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the American Jobs Act, which addresses two critical issues facing America today: the need for immediate investments in our Nation's infrastructure that will put Americans back to work, and the need to upgrade our schools to meet the requirements demanded by a 21st-century education.

Mr. Speaker, last week, I visited Adams Elementary School in Santa Barbara, California. This school is well over 45 years old and is in desperate need of more classroom space, a new library, and technology upgrades. Like other school districts around the country, Santa Barbara has been forced to cut budgets and lay off teachers, and struggles to pay for school upgrades which would promote a better-educated workforce. The American Jobs Act would help fix this problem by providing school districts with the resources they need to make the needed school improvements. This act would create good, well-paying jobs now and strengthen our future economy as well.

The American Jobs Act is about jobs, but it's also about our children's education. It's about our Nation's future. We should pass the American Jobs Act,

Mr. Speaker; and we should pass it now.

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AMERICANS SAY MEDIA ARE BIASED AND TOO LIBERAL

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Americans say the national media are biased, untrustworthy, and too liberal, according to separate polls released recently by Gallup and the Pew Research Center. Gallup found that only 1 in 10 Americans now have a great deal of trust in the national media. A majority say the media are biased. And by a margin of more than 3-1, Americans think the media are too liberal rather than too conservative.

Pew found that 1 in 4 Americans think that news organizations, in general, get the facts straight. That's a 14 percent decrease from 4 years ago. And almost 8 in 10 Americans say news organizations favor one side over the other.

Mr. Speaker, if the media want to restore the public's trust, they should give Americans the facts, not tell them what to think.

KEEP AMERICA'S WATERFRONTS WORKING ACT

(Ms. PINGREE of Maine asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, of Maine's 3,300 miles of coastline, less than 20 miles support commercial fishing and other traditional marine activities. But this small portion of the coastline contributes \$800 million to Maine's economy and provides jobs for over 30,000 people. As the coastline continues to give way to condos, hotels, and other non-compatible uses, these jobs are disappearing.

This problem is not unique to Maine. It occurs on all our coasts and waterways around the country and throughout the Great Lakes region. Working waterfront jobs are disappearing as a result of tremendous pressures communities face from incompatible development.

That's why today I'm introducing the Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act, along with my colleagues from around the country. With a grants program devoted to preserving working waterfronts across the Nation, States will be able to help preserve jobs and communities that depend on them.

HEALTH CARE PETITIONS

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, this morning here on Capitol Hill I stood with